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Female and male as yin and yang

With understanding of God as Father and Mother, an era has begun when manifesting the divine together is within reach for man and woman



Andrew Wilson

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From Christology to Ontology

[God](#) is male and female, but fallen humanity could not provide a base for [God](#) to fully reveal Him-Herself.

As above so below, and as below so above, as Jesus stated,

"Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is loosed in heaven."
(Matthew 18:18)

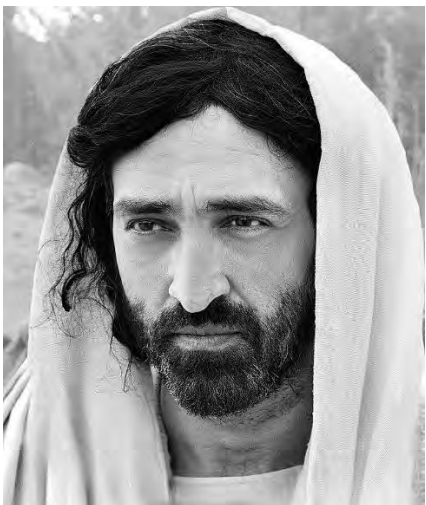
Jesus, as [God](#)'s Son on earth, revealed [God](#) as Heavenly Father, and thus Christians have known Him. But without a wholesome and authoritative Eve by Jesus' side, Christians could not fathom [God](#) as Heavenly Mother.

The masculine [God](#), Heavenly Father, has been leading the [providence](#) of salvation through religion. His primary concern was restoration and defeating Satan. He led believers on paths of sacrifice without too much regard for their personal happiness, setting up religions with strict rules, instilling fear and obedience. In pursuit of the goal of defeating Satan, religions mostly ignored the plight of those on the margins - Canaanites, pagans, slaves, women, gays.

Those religious paths brought some good fruit, notably democracy, but nevertheless they are unbalanced, as are the societies they created.

Furthermore, in relating to Heavenly Father, women could not see a [God](#) who looked like them or experienced what they experienced in life that was different from a man's experience - menstruation, sex,

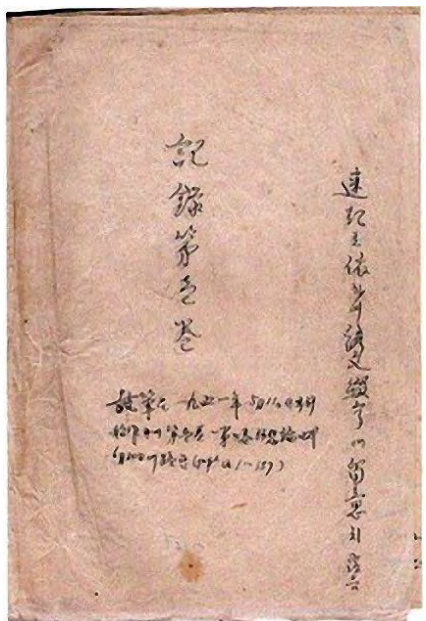
childbirth.



Selva Rasalingam as Jesus in *The Gospel of Luke*



From 'Virgin Annunciate', early Renaissance painting by Antonello da Messina (1430-1479) depicting Virgin Mary reading



Front page of Wolli Wonbon, an unpublished document of about 700 pages, hand-written by [Sun Myung Moon](#) in 1951-1952 during the Korean War

And since [God](#) the Father is a male being, a woman should depend on the male in her life as carrying [God's](#) authority. We can go back to Ephesians 5:22-23,

"Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church."

Some Catholics say that the Virgin Mary manifests [God's](#) feminine side, yet the Virgin Mary is not adequate to represent the whole of Heavenly Mother. She does not provide a full expression of womanhood. As a virgin, she never experienced sexual fulfillment. She grieves having lost her son, just as women's lot is to lose their children in war. Her value was based on the man (Jesus) whom she bore.

In lifting her up, the Catholic Church was proclaiming that the highest ideal of a woman was to become a nun. Yet the [Principle of Creation](#) clearly states that [God's ideal](#) for a woman is to fulfill the Three Great Blessings, which includes marriage, sexual love, and bearing and raising children in love. Clearly, as an image of [God's](#) femininity the Virgin Mary is an imperfect image.

[Hak Ja Han Moon](#), in her position as the female Christ, proclaimed on January 7, 2013 that when we pray, we need to address [God](#) as our Heavenly Parent, no longer as Heavenly Father. The words "Heavenly Parent" (Korean: Haneul Bumo) includes the words father (bu) and mother (mo). "Haneul Bomo" means Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother together. Her proclamation opened the door for Heavenly Mother to manifest to humankind. It was fitting that not [Reverend Moon](#) but [Hak Ja Han](#), the [Only-begotten Daughter](#), should make this proclamation. And it was fitting that she did so a mature woman, who knew her husband's love and raised 14 children of her own.

I believe that when humankind knows [God](#) as Heavenly Mother as well as Heavenly Father, [God's Kingdom](#) can begin to unfold.

In Wolli Wonbon, [Reverend Moon's](#) text from 1951, he wrote that because we have not known [God](#) as Heavenly Mother, human lives have been imperfect. It is because we are cut off from [God's](#) feminine love. And he wrote that as a result, [God](#), our Parent, lives in pain and bitterness:

"Throughout human history we have related to [God](#) as our Father and not as our Mother [...] How can we even fathom the pain and bitterness of [God](#)?" (Wolli Wonbon, p. 278)

Only by understanding the fullness of [God](#) as heavenly Father and Mother can [God's Kingdom](#), the kingdom of love, unfold in the world. [Father Moon](#) wrote,

"When we know [God](#) and attend Him as our Father, and likewise when we know [God](#) and attend Her as our Mother, that is the time when the ideal of re-creation will commence on earth." (Wolli Wonbon, pp. 55-56)

With the appearance of [God](#) as Heavenly Mother, things are already changing in the spirit world. The door is open to the creation of female angels. Formerly, angels were only male. But now, angel families can form that can substantiate the form of Mother-Father [God](#) in heaven.

Spirits in heaven are becoming aware of the deep-seated masculine bias of their conceptualization of [God](#), which has privileged men and disempowered women. They are coming to recognize that this has left people of both genders with traumatic wounds and personality distortions that need healing.



Angel playing harp

This kind of healing is going on now in the spirit world under the auspices of Heavenly Mother. Reconciliation is taking place in marriages. People are being liberated to be able to discuss anything with Heavenly Mother without judgment or the shame that previously shaded them due to the Fall. We are closer than ever to realizing [God](#)'s dream, the purpose of creation which is joy.

To summarize my presentation, think of the [providence](#) as unfolding stagewise, like a three-stage rocket.

During the Christian era, we had the Christology of the Only-Begotten Son and the Ontology of [God](#) as Heavenly Father; that was the first stage.



From the [Holy Wedding](#) of [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#) 11th April 1960

After the [Marriage of the Lamb](#), we had the Christology of [True Parents](#). [True Parents](#) were equal when it came to rebirth, yet in terms of authority, [True Mother](#) took a back seat to [True Father](#). Also, ontologically speaking [God](#) was still known and prayed to as Heavenly Father. That was the second stage.

The third stage began when [Hak Ja Han](#) began proclaiming that she is [Only-begotten Daughter](#) and that [God](#) is Heavenly Parent. Her self-assertion of her value as the female Christ on earth lifts up [God](#) to be fully manifest as Heavenly Mother, co-authoritative with Heavenly Father. Thereby, [God](#) can unfold a

world in which women and men can fully manifest their original divinity as [God](#)'s daughters and sons. That will be the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) on earth.

Thank you.

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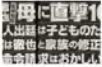
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The mission of the Only-Begotten Daughter

Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son, is the **image of [God](#)’s masculine nature**. As we read in John 14:9,

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Accordingly, [Hak Ja Han Moon](#), the **Only-Begotten Daughter**, is the **image of [God](#)’s feminine nature**.

But to fulfill that position, she **has to recover the tarnished dignity of Eve who had sinned**. After all, the idea that Eve was the main person responsible for the Fall goes all the way back to Adam, who blamed Eve. Right in the Garden, he said to [God](#),

“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit of the tree, and I ate.” (Genesis 3:12)

And **ever since the Fall, women have been dominated by men**. As we read in Genesis 3:16,

“Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

Therefore, despite the fact that the **Only-Begotten Daughter** was born sinless, she could not stand side-by-side with the Only-Begotten Son and share his authority and dignity without dealing with the fundamental problem of Eve’s tarnished dignity or Eve’s taint due to the Fall.

That is why [Reverend Moon](#) worked with [Hak Ja Han](#) by putting her through many difficult courses, on the family, society, national and world levels. He had her speak around the world, to Christian audiences and even in Beijing at the Great Hall of the People and in



Mother Moon speaking in the Kremlin, Moscow in Nov. 1993. Screenshot from [FFWPU](#) video.

Moscow at the Kremlin. With that, finally he **declared that [Hak Ja Han](#) had recovered the dignity of Eve**:

“**True Mother** won the supreme victory over the highest level of Satan’s world [...]. Based upon that recognition by [God](#) and Satan and all people that she had fulfilled her responsibility as the **True Mother** [...] she could occupy and act from the precious position of Eve whose mistake in front of Adam has been restored.” (*Chambumo Gyeong* 12-4-3, 8, 14th June 1999, page 1422)

Note that [Reverend Moon](#) does not deny the biblical story of the Fall, but affirms it and says that this woman, [Hak Ja Han](#), **has victoriously overcome the problem of Eve**.

With that victory, the **Only-Begotten Daughter** also **laid the foundation for all women to realize their original dignity as [God](#)’s daughters**.

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nevertheless, **patriarchy is still well established** and entrenched in Korea and in societies all over the world. And this has been **Hak Ja Han's** challenge of late: **She has to overcome patriarchy.**

Reverend Moon couldn't do that for her, even though **Hak Ja Han** stood by **Reverend Moon's** side in a movement that celebrated him as the Messiah. That is because most **Unificationists** viewed her mainly as his consort.



Mother Moon with some of her children, ca. 1971. Photo: FFWPU

She bore him 14 children and then stood by his side at **Blessing** ceremonies for giving rebirth. These roles of **True Mother**, to bear children both in the physical and spiritual sense, are, you might say, within a traditional mother's role. In traditional Korean society, the woman stays at home and bears the children.

It is true that **Reverend Moon** praised her for more than that and had her walk beside him. The latter was an innovation, because in the traditional Korean society, women walk behind their husbands. Nevertheless, **Reverend Moon** was the one who called all the shots.

So **Hak Ja Han**, after **Reverend Moon** passed, was not in a very good position. To just stand up and say, "I'm the **Only-Begotten Daughter**. I'm the heir and the one who should lead the movement," aroused a lot of push back.

She faced a movement that was not well prepared to accept her leadership because of the patriarchal entrenchment in society. That she, a woman, would exercise her authority co-equal to that of the male Messiah was an affront to established patriarchy.

Yet she has been confronting this bias directly by taking up the title "**Only-Begotten Daughter**". She intentionally does not call herself by the title "**True Mother**", which could be said to be a traditional woman's role, but instead calls herself the **Only-Begotten Daughter**, the female Christ.

Her innovations were resisted. First, **she revised the Unification scriptures.** The revisions were well-warranted because there were mistakes in them and the **Cheon Seong Gyeong** in particular was poorly constructed. She also added her words, befitting to her position as the female Christ. Yet, the fact that she ordered revisions were controversial. **"Who was she to change what the Messiah had authorized?"** said those elders steeped in the patriarchal concept.



*The first English edition of **Cheon Seong Gyeong** from 2006. It was replaced by a far better version in 2013.*

And then **her own sons betrayed her**, forming schisms, declaring that they were **Rev.**

Moon's true successors. They too were acting according to the traditional patriarchy in Korean society, where **in Korean history, after the death of a king, the eldest son takes over, and the former queen stands aside.**

But **Mother Moon** is fiercely **determined to honour her position as the Only-Begotten Daughter** for the sake of **God's ideal that must be gender-balanced.**

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